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In response to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Action dated May 30, 2002, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire August 30, 2002, having been extended for one month so as to expire on September 30, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please rewrite claims 1, 5, 6, 7 and 9 as follows.